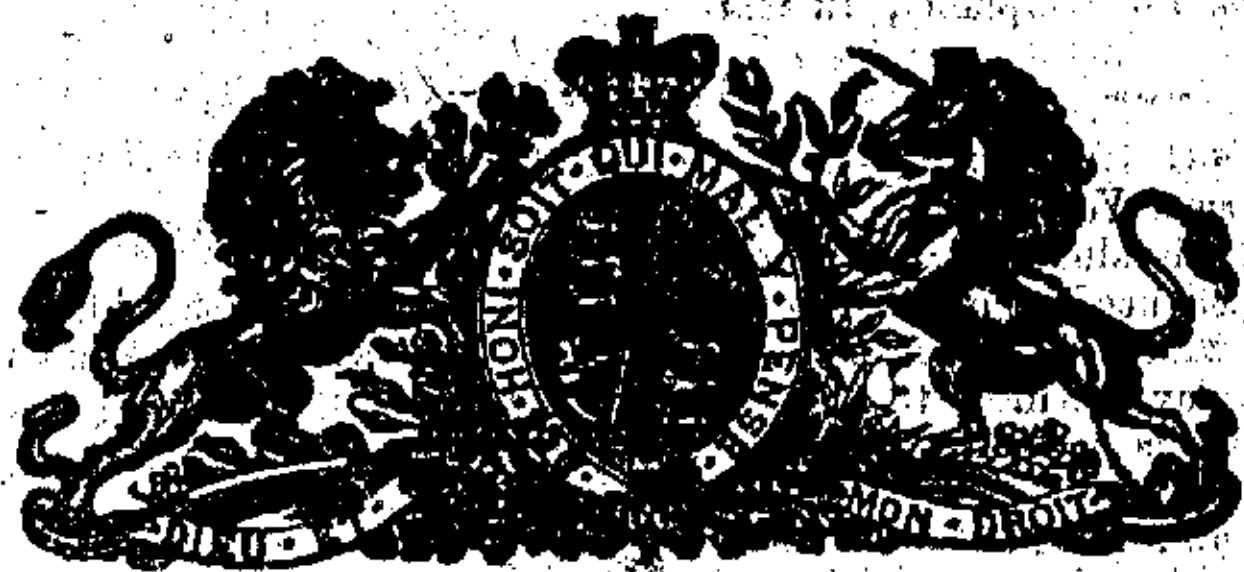


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Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from J. McDONALD, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 29th March, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, No. 2, Lower Mosque Terrace.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Damask Covered Drawing-room Suite, Rosewood Centre Table, Engravings, Carpet, Mirrors, Chandeliers, Kerosine Lamps, and Clocks.

Teak Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Marble-top Sideboard, Whatnots, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass and Plated-ware.
Double and Single Iron Bedsteads, Child's Cots, Mahogany Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Toilet Tables and Wash-stands, &c.

One SEWING MACHINE, by WILCOX GIBB.

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One CHURCH'S PATENT IRON SAFE, and

One PIANO, by R. R. FIPP.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday, the 28th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc29

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W. ARTHURMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
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GIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.

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BRAZIL NUTS.

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ALMONDS in SHELL.

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Hongkong, February 23, 1878.

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March 5, 1878. sc5

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A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONER DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Intimations.

FOR STORAGE in GODOWNS, Praya Central.

Apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 20, 1878. sp28

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

WHITAKER'S ALMANAC.

LETTS' DIARIES.

ARNOULD ON MARINE INSURANCE.

LAW OF GENERAL AVERAGE.

SMITH'S MERCANTILE LAW.

McCulloch's COMMERCIAL DICTIONARY.

HOPKINS' PORT OF REFUGE.

ENGLISH SYNONYMS.

ROGET'S THESAURUS.

ANDERSON'S MERCANTILE LETTERS.

OLLENDORFF'S FRENCH METHOD.

OLLENDORFF'S GERMAN METHOD.

OLLENDORFF'S SPANISH METHOD.

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DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.

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EITEL'S FUNG SHUI.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

Intimations.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

IN Accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Policy-holders for the fiscal year ending 30th September, 1877, of TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. on the NET EARNED CONTRIBUTION.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under- signed to Contributors of Premium at this Port, on and after the 9th Instant.

Policy-holders are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1878. sp5

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

Discount 20 %

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

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For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE of the Undersigned, Mr. THOMAS DANIEL COX PARKER is appointed Acting Manager.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, March 20, 1878. sp20

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

MR. J. BUCHANAN, BANDMASTER of Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders, begs to announce to the Public of Hongkong that he will undertake to TUNE PIANOFORTES during his stay in the Colony.

Address to Murray Barracks.

Hongkong, March 14, 1878. sp14

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SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1878. sp1

Entertainment.

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THE MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform the DRAMATIC CANTATA,

BY W. S. GILBERT, and ARTHUR SULLIVAN.

"TRIAL BY JURY," preceded by a COMEDietta

BY PERCY FITZGERALD, M.A.,

"THE FAMILY SHAKESPEARE,"

TO-NIGHT,

the 28th Instant, to Commence at 9 o'Clock.

Tickets—Price Two Dollars—may be obtained from the Committee:—

Col. STUART.

Col. HALL.

JAS. B. COUGHTRY.

O. F. A. SANGSTER.

T. G. WILLIAMSON.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878. mc29

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR PORT DARWIN.

The Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Chartered Steamer

"CHARLTON,"

J. JOHNSON, Commander, will leave for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 22, 1878. mc29

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer

"BRISBANE"

will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 29th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc29

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship

"YESSO,"

Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 31st Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc31

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamer

"OXFORDSHIRE"

will leave on or about 1st Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

TURNER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 25, 1878. sp1

FOR SHANGHAI AND TIENTSIN.

The German Steamship

"OLYMPIA,"

NAEGL, Master, shortly expected, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

WM. POSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship

"EMERALDA,"

CULLEN, Master, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.
MR. THEODOR JOHANNES ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU has been authorized to Sign our Firm per procurator.
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, March 22, 1878. ap23

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878. ne8

NOTICE.
MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
G. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.
MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this Date.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

Volume Sixth of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. IV.—Vol. VI.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

Bibliography of the Chinese Imperial Collections of Literature.
Imperial Confucianism.
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.
Chinese Official Titles.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries:—
The Manchu Terms for 上帝 and 神.
The Mammoth in Chinese Records.
Mohammedan Apostles in China.
The Ki-lin identified with the Giraffe.
Life Saving Association, and other Benevolent Societies at Wuhu.
Professor Deal and his Critics.
Annamese Sovereigns.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, March 12, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.
NORTH STAR, American ship, Captain J. U. Thomson.—Order.
P. J. CARLETON, American barque, Capt. J. A. Amberg.—P. & O. Co.
RAJANATTIANHAR, British str., Capt. Geo. T. Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hong.
COULBERT, British barque, Capt. Reuter.—Chinese.
CALDERA, British str., Captain Williams.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
STANDARD, British steamer, Captain W. W. Lyon.—Siemssen & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "MACTAN,"
BERGUA, Master, will be despatched to the above Port on SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. mc30



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London.
ALSO,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

THE PANAMA AND OCEANIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "GEBLON," Captain C. FRASER, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

To-day's Advertisements.

FURNITURE SALE.

ENGLISH AND CHINA-MADE FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

OR

THURSDAY,

the 4th April, 1878, at 2 o'clock P.M., at "Greenmount,"

the Residence of JOHN FAIRBAIRN, Esq.,—The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COMPRISING:

Green Rep Covered Walnut Chairs and Couch.
2 English-made EGLINTON EASY CHAIRS, Covered in Crimson Utrecht Velvet.
1 Cottage Trichord PIANO, by CORLARD and COLLARD, in Mahogany Case, made expressly for the Climate.
Crystal and Bronze Gasaliers, Gilt Framed Mirrors, Carpets, Chromolithographs, Pictures, Clocks, Marble-top Tables, Fenders and Fire Irons, Hearth Rugs.

1 Handsomely Carved Teakwood Book Case, with Glass Doors, Marble-top Tea Poy, Teak Whatnots. 1 Walnut Secretaire, with Patent Self Locking Drawers.

ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY DINING TABLE, with SPARE LEAVES.

ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, with Mirror Back.

ENGLISH-MADE OAK SEAT CHAIRS, with MOROCCO CUSHIONS.

Electro-plated Ware, Crockery, and Glass Ware; Stair Carpet and Rods, Filter, Ice Chest, Hall Lamps, Handsomely Carved Teakwood Linen Press, Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses and Curtains.

1 LADY'S DOUBLE WINGED WARDROBE, with MIRROR DOOR.

1 English-made Mahogany Toilet Table, Toilet Mirrors, 1 Chubb's Safe, 2 Lady's Teak Davenport, Marble-top Washstands and Services, Couches, Chairs, Gas Brackets, Fenders and Fire Irons.

Children's Iron and Wooden Beds, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Bath Tubs.

Sundry Wines and Stores.

Also, A FINE COLLECTION OF CAMELLIAS, FERNS, ROSES, and other CHOICE PLANTS.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on Wednesday, the 3rd April, 1878.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap4

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 27, *Adolph*, German barque, 867, Horn, Bangkok March 4, Salt.—ARNHOLD, KASBERG & Co.
March 28, *Mactan*, Spanish steamer, 371, A. Bergua, Amoy March 26, General.—RUSSELL & Co.
March 28, *Chop-ai*, Chinese R. C., from Canton.
March 28, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, from Canton.
March 28, *Northern Star*, British barque, from Whampoa.
March 28, *Yesso*, British steamer, 559, S. Ashton, Foochow March 24, Amoy 26, and Swatow 27, General.—DOUGLAS LA FRANK & Co.
March 28, *Benedit*, British steamer, 990, Buchanan, Bangkok March 20, Rice.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
March 28, H. M. S. *Lapwing*, 774, W. G. Scott, Amoy March 26.
March 28, *standard*, British steamer, 1074, W. W. Lyon, Saigon March 24, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.
March 28, *Tintern Abbey*, British steamer, 786, Thos. Tindale, Bangkok March 20, Rice.—KIN TIE LOONG.
March 28, *Hesperia*, German steamer, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 28, *State of Alabama*, for Saigon.
28, *W. E. Gladstone*, for Bangkok.
28, *Ocean*, for Australian Ports.
28, *Zambouang*, for Haiphong.
28, *City of Tokio*, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
28, *Kina*, for Europe, &c.
28, *Angustura*, for Tournon.
28, *Cassandra*, for Mantung.
28, *Chinkiang*, for Shanghai.
28, *Malacca*, for Yokohama.

CLEARED

Rajanattianhar, for Bangkok.
Deucalion, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Yesso*, from Coast Ports, Mr Peters, 6 Europeans deck, and 110 Chinese.
Per *Mactan*, from Amoy, 3 Chinese.
Per *Benedit*, from Bangkok, 28 Chinese.
Per *Adolph*, from Bangkok, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Ocean*, for Sydney, 10 Europeans steerage, and 474 Chinese steerage for ports of Australia and New Zealand.
Per *Kina*, for Shanghai: for Venice, Mr H. Berts; for London, Carol Quotowals.—From Yokohama: for Southampton, Assist. Paym. Collier, &c., Mr J. Kewell.—From Hongkong: for Venice, Mr and Mrs Meyer, Infant and net. iron, &c., and Mr John W. Murray; for Brindisi, Rev. J. J. Smith; for Southampton, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Ramsey, Messrs. Polomy, Main, A. H. Alving and J. J. Thomas, and four Seamen; for Bombay, Capt. Jay, 13 Europeans and 5 natives; for Gibraltar, Mr Juan M. de Sobra; for Aden, Assing.
Per *City of Tokio*, for Yokohama, 1 Chinese; for San Francisco, Mrs. F. R. Chadwick, 8 in Steerage, and 868 Chinese.
Per *Malacca*, for Yokohama, Capt. J. G. Mead and European servants, 280 Chinese.

P. Laurensen, and 8 Chinese; from Bombay, Messrs. H. W. Leyland and Joyner.
For Zambouang, for Haiphong, 12 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yesso* reports: Voochow to Amoy moderate S.W. winds and dense fog, experienced a peculiar dust storm in Amoy with strong breeze from N.E. lasting all day. Amoy to Swatow moderate N.E. winds and fine. Swatow to Hongkong moderate variable winds and fine. In Foochow: H. M. S. *Moorehead*. Passed S. S. *Kwangtung* in the river bound in. S. S. *Douglas* left Amoy March 26th. In Swatow: S. S. *Killarney*. Passed S. S. *Cheong Hock Kian* off Cape of Good Hope bound in.

The British steamer *Benedit* reports: Strong variable winds.
The German barque *Adolph* reports: In the Gulf of Siam light S.E. winds, in China Sea strong N.E. to N.E. by E. winds, then moderate breeze to North Danger Shoal, and fine weather with South-easterly breeze to port. Anchored at 6.30 p.m. yesterday inside Green Island.

The British steamer *standard* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.
The British steamer *Tintern Abbey* reports: Moderate to fresh breezes to Sapata, and thence light and moderate breezes and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For PORT DARWIN.—
Per *Charlton*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 29th inst.

For AMOY & SHANGHAI.—
Per *Deucalion*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 29th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Yesso*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 30th inst.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet *Brisbane*, will be despatched from Hongkong on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Port Darwin, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be Registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30 p.m. Supplementary mail on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure. Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.
Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mr29

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Anadyr* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 4th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mauritius, St. Paul, St. Helena, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, April 3rd.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, April 4th.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, March 23, 1878. ap4

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *Gedong*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 11th April.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 10th April.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 11th April.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 30.—
Noon.—*Mactan* leaves for Manila.
Jonian leaves for London.

SUNDAY, March 31.—
Daylight.—*Yesso* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, April 1.—
Oxfordshire leaves for Yokohama, &c. on or about this date.

Glanegles leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

WEDNESDAY, April 3.—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, April 4.—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, &c., at Mr. J. Fairbairn's residence, "Greenmount."

THURSDAY, April 11.—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Charlton* leaves for Port Darwin.

2 p.m.—*Brisbane* leaves for Singapore, &c.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr McDonald's residence, Lower Mosque Terrace.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1878.

ONE or two correspondents have recently drawn attention to the increase in the number of beggars to be encountered in the streets of the Colony. Considering the position of the island and the character of its population, Hongkong has hitherto been remarkably free from nomads of this description, and it may be devoutly hoped that no change in this respect is impending. Beggars must be a great nuisance to even the most charitably disposed in a place like this, where "chits" are *de rigueur*, and the most influential of residents are seldom worth a cent—in ready money. Probably the "hard times" on the mainland may account in some measure for the circumstance, but this excuse cannot evidently apply to the children of sewing women, and the one-legged wanderers for charity, who are daily observed lying in wait in the Queen's road, Wellington street, and other places. Unless checked the nuisance may become a permanent and serious one.

THERE are two important rumours afloat in Yokohama at the present moment respecting the Mitsui Bishi Company. One alleges that the Japanese Government is about to take over that enterprise, and the other that the Company are contemplating increasing their rates. It is to be hoped that at least the first of these rumours has no foundation. The Japanese Government seems to have quite enough on its hands to carry the vast changes that have been inaugurated in the country during the last decade to a successful issue without dabbling in commercial speculations. The taking over of a steamship line by Government would also, so far as we are aware, be without precedent among European nations, and there are several reasons why a Government may launch into postal, telegraph, and even railway speculations, but hesitate to undertake the duties and risks of a shipowner. As to the rates, the Company is said to contemplate only slight increases—for freight about fifty cents per ton, and for passengers a proportionate rise. It is satisfactory to learn that it is not for one moment intended to reintroduce the old monopoly rates of the P. M. S. Company, or even those adopted by the Mitsui Bishi Co. after they acquired possession of the P. M. S. line.

THE telegrams we publish to-day are significant. It is perhaps quite natural that visits should be exchanged between the brother of the Czar and the Sultan, but the statement that "in consequence of friendly diplomatic representations from Russia, the Turkish troops have evacuated Bojukkere" is of considerable importance. "Bojukkere" is a place on the European bank of the Bosphorus, about ten or twelve miles to the north of Constantinople. It is apparently little more than a collection of batteries commanding the passage of the Bosphorus, and situated at the foot of some very high ground. If the Russian troops occupy the evacuated batteries they will be in a position to pour shot and shell into any man-of-war, British or Turkish, passing up the strait. As Constantinople, however, is practically at the mercy of the Russians, so also must be the whole of the fortifications on the European bank of the Bosphorus. General Ignatieff is probably about to proceed to Vienna either to sound the Austrian Government as to its intentions and collect information, or to endeavour to smooth over matters. To-day's telegrams viewed in connection with those of yesterday, look very much as if Russia had made up her mind to fight England but to conciliate Austria and Turkey.

We observe in *Le Courier de Saigon* a decree of the Governor that the proportion of paddy in cargo of rice is not to exceed in future fifteen per cent. in weight, unless by agreement between the purchaser and seller. The decree is prefaced with the remarks that the rice has always contained a certain proportion of paddy, varying according to the state of the market and the time of the year, and that this proportion, being dependent on the will of the vendor, has given rise to many difficulties between parties. At one time, before the commencement of the present season, the proportion went up to no less than 60 per cent. The attention of the Chamber of Commerce was ultimately directed to the subject, and at their last meeting in the early part of the present month a resolution was passed: "That in cases where contracts and charter parties do not contain any stipulations regarding the quantity which can be mixed with cargo rice, the proportion of this mixture be fixed at 15 per cent., and that the Governor be requested to give the resolution the force of law." The measure is not likely to press unfairly on anybody for one reason, among others, that the proportion of paddy can always be made a matter of agreement. We append the decree:—

Article premier.—Dans la Cochinchine française, les conventions sur le commerce des ris font la loi des parties.
Art. 2.—La proportion du paddy introduite dans le ris cargo, à défaut de convention, ne devra pas dépasser 15 % en poids.
Art. 3.—Le procureur général et le Directeur de l'Intérieur sont chargés, chacun en ce qui le concerne, de l'exécution du présent arrêté, qui sera mis en vigueur à partir du 15 avril 1878.
Saigon, le 8 mars 1878.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

LONDON, 28th March, 1878.
Previous orders for embarking home-bound Russian Troops at San Stefano have been revoked.

At St. Petersburg it is semi-officially stated that England's conduct in insisting upon the submission of the peace conditions to the proposed Congress is a piece of chicanery which reveals offensive intentions.

LONDON, 28th March, 1878.

General Ignatieff is about to go to Vienna.

Visits have been exchanged between the Sultan of Turkey and the Grand Duke Nicholas (brother of the Czar).
In consequence of friendly diplomatic representations from Russia, the Turkish troops have evacuated Bojukkere.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We learn that Canton was visited during last night by a terrific storm of thunder, lightning, and wind; which was hardly over by 7 a.m. to-day. It is not known whether or not any damage was done; but the lightning flashes were unpleasantly close at times.

We learn that the villagers of Wong-nel-Cheong have petitioned the Governor to obtain a schoolmaster who is capable of teaching their children in English as well as Chinese, and as a proof of their sincerity they have proposed to pay \$5 of the salary to be paid to the new teacher. It would, we fancy, very much simplify matters for the Government were every village and district in the Island to go and do likewise.

A GRATIFYING instance of Chinese good feeling is found in the fact that the Chinese crew of the E. & A. S. N. Co.'s str. *Brisbane* have subscribed the sum of \$26.20 to the Famine Fund on behalf of their starving fellow-countrymen in the North. This amount was made up by a payment of 25 cents from each member of the native crew.

THE man, known by the name of Mohamed Arab, died here yesterday. We understand that his residence in the Colony dates with the cession of the Island to Her Majesty, and it was he who planted the British standard on the Island, being with the Expeditionary Force. He was a very charitable disposed person, and always stretched a helping hand to the needy and poor irrespective of nationality. He was well-known to many of the foreign community, and held in no little estimation for his uprightness and charities. His funeral, which took place yesterday, was largely attended by persons of various nationalities.

Hedges & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, dated Pagoda Anchorage 23rd March:—
Arrivals During the Week.—March 16, *Tah Yew*, from Shanghai; 17, *Monocacy*, from Amoy; 19, *Kur pe*, from Shanghai; 20, *Moorehead*, from Wenchow; 21, *Yesso*, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—March 16, *Peter*, for Amoy; 18, *Douglas*, for Hongkong; 19, *Oscar Mooney*, for Newchwang; 20, *Tah Yew*, for Shanghai; 20, *Monocacy*, for Shanghai; 21, *Spartan*, for Hai Tan Straits; 22, *Europe*, for Shanghai.
Shipping in Port.—*China*, *Willis*, *E. C. Mutch*, *McGowan*, *Yesso*.

NAVAL AND MILITARY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Naval and Military Athletic Sports commenced this afternoon about 2 o'clock. The weather was rather warm during the early part of the afternoon, but the ground was in excellent condition both for running and jumping. As the sports progressed, however, there was every appearance of approaching rain which fortunately did not trouble the athletes. A large number of spectators were assembled around the ground, although the stand and decorations which enlivened the scene last year were conspicuous by their absence; while there were not nearly so many events in this year's programme as on previous occasions. This was doubtless owing to the short time which has elapsed since the arrival of the 74th Regiment amongst us, as these arrangements must depend in a much greater measure on the Military than the Naval authorities. However, this by the way. The course was well kept during the early part of the afternoon by some of the 74th and Blue jackets, and the events came off in good time, good humor being the order of the day. Amongst those present were Vice-Admiral Hiliyar, Commodore Watson, Col. Bassano, Colonel Jago, of the 74th Highlanders, and a large number of Naval and Military Officers. The attendance of ladies was not numerous, as there was only one small tent for their accommodation, but several had availed themselves of the use of the balcony of the City Hall, which had been placed at their disposal. The greatest interest was evinced in the tug of war, of which there were four. The second one, between the Police and the 74th Highlanders, was the most exciting we have ever witnessed. The Police, it appears, were dissatisfied with the issue of the first trial, in which they were defeated, and they challenged their rivals to a fresh contest for \$10 a side. The strain was kept up for fully five minutes, and the efforts of the soldiers to keep the course were vain. The Police at length walked away with their rivals, amidst repeated cheering from the old residents. Both teams were principally sons of Scotland. Besides the events on the programme there was a chair-race and a children's race (or more properly a scramble). The sports as a whole were fairly successful, and lead us to judge that should the 74th be amongst us another year, the athletics will quite come up to the standard of those in the days of the 28th. The Band and pipers of the Regiment were in attendance, and played during the afternoon. Below we append a list of the races &c. and the entries and results.

1.—PUTTING THE SHOT.—16 lbs. 7 feet run, no follow. 1st Prize, \$4; 2nd Prize, \$2.

Mr. *James* (forward) took the money as this putting, viz. H. McLaughlan, J. Eadie, 74th; Smith, Hunt and Dinno, R.A. The three latter soon retired, followed by Eadie, and the remaining two were a very fair match. They made two ties and it always appeared doubtful if it would not be advisable to induce them to divide the honors. McLaughlan, however, refused to agree to this proposal, where it was hinted at, and at the next attempt Gavin covered his throw by about 9 inches, making 33ft. 7in.; McLaughlan's best being 33ft.

2.—FLAT RACE, 1 mile. 1st Prize, \$8; 2nd Prize, \$4.
Sergeant Carver (74th), 1st prize.
Pte. J. McIntosh (74th), 2nd prize.

The other entries being:—Corpl. Dempster, and Ptes. A. Scott, and McCrovie (74th), Vengy and Appasami, (Gun Lascars), J. Ruse, J. Jones, Reynolds and Carroll (A.B.), H. Pinfield (L.S.).

3.—LONG JUMP.—3 trials. 1st Prize, \$4; 2nd Prize, \$2.
McLaughlan (74th), 1st prize, 16 feet.
Vengy (Gun Lascars), 2nd prize, 15ft. 3in.

10.—**PLANT RACE.** 1st Prize, \$4; 2nd Prize, \$4.
Dawson (74th), 1st prize.
Sergt. Carter (74th), 2nd prize.
Other entries, A. Scott (74th), J. Russo (Audacious), Vengy and Appasani (Gun-lacare).

11.—**CONSOLATION RACE.** 1st Prize, \$4; 2nd Prize, \$2.
Pis. Skinner (74th), 1st prize.
Pis. McCrovy (74th), 2nd prize.
Other entries, Ryan (74th), Hinaly (Vigilant), Russo (Audacious), Vengy and Appasani (Gun-lacare).

12.—**TUG OF WAR.** open to Navy, Army, Police, and Civilians; Teams to consist of 10 men.

The first tug was between team from the Blue Jackets, and the 74th, the latter walking away with them almost the moment the word was given. The Marine Artillery then went off with the Royal Artillery, although the latter made a bold stand. The Police then challenged the 74th Regt., and owing they say, to some misapprehension, as to whether it was the mark on the rope, or the men which had to be pulled over the line, the Police, who were said by the Judges to have lost, were not satisfied, and challenged them a second time. Winning the toss for places, they chose the side the regiment had formerly had, and after a hard tussle, the 74th won. We may say however that they had already pulled twice before they were, so to speak, handicapped. The Police were not by any means picked men as those sent forward were the only ones available on so short a notice. So ended the sports for 1878. We append the names of the men who composed the various teams.

74TH HIGHLANDERS.—R. Crawford (Captain), W. Dempster, J. Badio, B. Morrison, W. Spicer, R. Cavin, J. Gallagher, G. Kay, R. Gane, and D. Bun.

POLICE.—McDougal, Mackay, Beckett, Curry, Delaney, Simpson, Smith, Charlen, Robinson and Morrison.

BLUE JACKETS.—Miller, Bishop, Oldem, Reese, Alley, Squire, Leaman, Waycott, Lamp and Endicott.

R. M. ARTILLERY.—Binney (Captain), Dyer, Satterly, Jackson, Eggarty, Tomkinson, Perry, Carr, Bagwell and Benton.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.—Clare, Reynolds, Fillingham, Schultze, Bolter, Atkins, Arnold, Taylor, Francis and Smith.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Cragg, Esq.)
28th March, 1878.

FOND OF FIRE.
James Well, a seaman, residing at the Sailors' Home, was charged with throwing the contents of a pie-dish over the commodore of the Sailors' Home. It appears that the defendant was in the act of taking the pie out of the dining-room and carrying it to his bedroom, when the commodore told him it was contrary to the rules of the Home, he could eat as much as he liked in the dining-room. The defendant thereupon emptied the contents of the dish on the commodore's head. A constable was then fired at in default of 2 days' hard labour.

DRUNKENNESS.
Francisco Frank, a seaman unemployed, was fined \$2 for being drunk in the Hollywood Road. There was a previous conviction against him, which he admitted.

DISEASED PIG.
Tin Amak, lessee of No. 2 Pork Stall, Talingham Market, was charged by Inspector Orley with endeavouring to have a pig cleaned in the Slaughter House which had died of the measles. The Inspector stated that he found a pig lying in the Slaughter House which had died of the measles. The flesh was quite unfit for human food. Tam a Poon, the foreman of the Slaughter House, stated that the pig was brought to the Slaughter House to be killed at about 3 p.m. of the 28th instant. The pig was healthy at the time, but about midnight it died; witness informed the owner and the Inspector. The defendant when told that the pig had died, wanted witnesses to clean it, but he would not do so. The defendant denied that he wanted last witness to clean the pig; he asked him to throw it away. Fined \$3 or 2 days' imprisonment.

LABOURY.
Man Ayt, a coolie, was sent to 21 days' hard labour for stealing a plank.

THROWING STONES.
Tao Ahing, a hawker, was fined \$1 for throwing stones.

BEGGARS.
A number of beggars were got rid of to-day by being sent to their native places.

GAMBLING.
A number of men were fined 20 cents for gambling.

SELLING FISH.
The proprietor of the Sin Li No. 6 Sea fish was summoned at the instance of Inspector Orley for having sold fish by retail contrary to Ord. No. 8 of 1858, Sec. VIII, which provides that no article of food usually sold in markets can be retailed outside of a market.

Mr. Weston appeared to watch the case on behalf of the defendant.

The Inspector stated that he acted under instructions from the Registrar General. He produced receipts bearing the stamp of the defendant's shop. One was for a catfish called sea-kat, the amount being 1 mace 7 candareens 6 li, and the other was for 4 candareens and 9 li. The case was remanded until the 30th instant.

Canton.

DEFINITION OF THE SILLIANT BURLESQUE OF ROMANCE AND REMUS.

On Friday night, by request and a general desire, the Amateur Dramatic Society will repeat the above attractive entertainment; and we trust that they will then be rewarded for the amiable and persevering efforts to amuse which were previously so successful, by the presence of a few Ladies and Gentlemen from

Hongkong as well as of the local community. The generally-mild weather, after a tedious stormy Winter offers an additional attraction to a trip by steamer Kiu-kiang for Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday morning.

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES.

We hear to-day of insipient Rebellion on the North River, as the consequence of the floods of last Summer, some thousands having banded themselves together in the Tung-yuen district and marched into the district of Fat-Kong, where, it is said, the Magistrate was killed. Rumors are rather seriously disquieting thence, being to the effect that great numbers of the people are on the brink of starvation and that a general civil commotion is imminent. The authorities here have sent about 2,000 Tung-koon braves, it is said, to the scene of the outbreak; but that force would seem inadequate for the emergency; and it is obvious that efficiently-healing measures on the part of Government must combine measured relief of want with the exercise of power. Already we hear of a great influx of beggars at Fat-shan, and it is apprehended that thousands may find their way here, if food is not supplied to them at their homes in the districts where dearth prevails.

Remittances have already been made to the North by the local Famine-relief Committee; but in view of this fresh emergency at our own doors, they may consider that the remainder of the contributions should be locally applied more directly under their own supervision, rather than form a part of those destined for wider distribution at the North; to which point the general benevolence of the public of various countries is directed.

27th March, evening.

Another correspondent, under date of yesterday, gives the following version:—Some 4000 or 5000 of the population of the distressed district of T'ing Yuen (say 500 li from Canton) have risen against the authorities and are plundering the surrounding country. It is apprehended that the magistrate of Fat Kong has fallen into their hands and lost his life. The news has just arrived, and the Governor General has despatched a force of 2000 Tung-koon braves to the scene of the disturbance.

INQUEST.

POISONING STRANGE CASE.

The adjourned inquest on the bodies of Wong Amui, a girl; Chun Angan, a woman; Leong Awah and Wong Asam, male adults, who died on board the steamer *Devocation* during the voyage from Singapore to Hongkong, on the 21st March, as is supposed from poison, was resumed this afternoon (28th) by Mr. C. V. Cragg, Coroner, with Messrs A. J. Gordon, N. J. Gomes, and T. L. W. Gincer, as a Jury.

Dr. Thomas Pott, surgeon, was called:—I am a doctor of medicine, and now in medical charge of the *Devocation*. On the 21st Mar., it was reported to me that several of the third class Chinese passengers were taken ill shortly after taking their evening meal. I went at once to examine, and found almost all the Chinese passengers had been vomiting, and the floor was full of vomited food. I suspected something was wrong and ordered plenty of warm water to be given to them to encourage sickness in order to empty the stomach. I then gave them some medicine to relieve the retching. The cook told me that some bad men forward had put something into their soup. He did not mention any names. I knew it was poison of some sort that the passengers had taken, but they did not exhibit any symptoms of any particular poison. Bad food might produce symptoms like what I saw with these men. Most of the men became better towards the evening, but some of them continued to be bad. The next morning I visited them again. I found the girl Wong Amui was dead; I went in consequence of the report of her death. There were four of them who continued to suffer much from coldness of surface. I gave them bismuth and a preparation of opium to allay the severe pain. The woman, Chun Angan, was the next one who died; she died on the day following. Leong Awah and Wong Asam were very ill then, most of the others recovering. They died on the 26th. On the 22nd, the cook showed me a basin of soup, at the bottom of which I saw a whitish sediment; he suggested that somebody had put it in. I could not understand him very easily. The next day he again showed me the basin, and I put some of the sediment into a bottle. Subsequently the 2nd Officer gave me one packet of powder; he said he found it in the possession of a Chinese passenger; the 3rd Officer next gave me another packet. I have not examined the contents of the basin, some of which I put into a bottle, and I cannot say whether the powder in the bottle is the same as that in the packets.

By the Jury:—The men were in good health before this; none of the deck passengers were ill. Bad food would produce all the symptoms I saw in the men.

Sit Apsey was called:—I am cook for the Chinese passengers on board the *Devocation*. Have been employed by the firm for five years now. We left Penang on the 16th, and Singapore on the 17th. We had over 20 Chinese deck passengers from Penang, and about 27 or 28 passengers from Singapore, and altogether about 800. Of these there were about 18 third class passengers. The two classes do not have the same food; the third class had an additional dish of either fowl or duck and meat soup at every meal, but the rice was the same for both classes. They had also salt fish and vegetables and vegetable soup. I am the head cook and have supervision of the cooking. The rice for both classes was cooked in the same pan. On the 21st, the soup supplied to the third class passengers was made of pork, pig's stomach and shrimp, and vegetable root called *ko*. They had also salt fish, fowl, and pork cooked with yam. These articles of food

had been supplied to the men before. On the evening of the 21st, the meal was served out about 6.30 o'clock to the third class men. I and the six other cooks used the same food as the third class men. Some of them vomited while eating, others immediately after eating, and others at 7 o'clock.

We took soup at the same time with our rice and other food. I and the other cooks also vomited, so I reported to the doctor, who gave us some medicine. As I could not work I went to lie down. Next morning about 7 o'clock, some of the 3rd class passengers who had not taken the soup the evening before and who were all right, came to rouse me to get up to cook food for them. I got up, and my attention was first directed to the soup that was still remaining in the iron pan, as I suspected the soup. I found some sediment like sand, and in the basins in which the men took their soup, I found a similar sediment. Seeing this I began to recollect that on the evening of the 21st about 4 o'clock I saw the man now in Court, Cheong Ahoi, go into the galley, and dip a basin into the soup, and as I thought then that he wanted to steal some, I called out; he then threw the basin in the soup and walked away. At that time I did not suspect anything further than that he wanted to steal some of the soup. But seeing the man suffering in this way, I came to remember what I saw the evening before. I met the man on the morning of the 22nd and he walked away from me. I went up to him and caught him. I asked the 2nd mate to detain him until I could report to the Captain. The 2nd mate then took the man by order of the Captain up on the bridge and searched him. I saw a packet of some powder found on him. The powder was not of the same colour as that I saw in the soup. The 2nd mate then told me to ask the man whether he had any box, and he said he had none; but I knew where he slept, and at that place there was an empty box, and in this box the 2nd mate found another packet of powder similar to what was found on his person. The empty box was placed between the beds of the man Cheong A-hoi and the 2nd mate in Court Woo A-hoi. About noon of the 22nd I received some information from two passengers in reference to the 2nd and 3rd mate, Yu A Yün, and the Captain had them detained. The two passengers who gave me the information were named Fong Ah-cheng and Choa Ah-chew. Fong Ah-cheng told me that he saw Woo A-hoi put something into the soup, and Choa Ah-chew told me that he saw the 3rd mate in Court Yu A Yün meddle with my soup with a basin. When I heard this, I reported to the Captain, who, at the suggestion of a passenger, deferred his arrest of the two men until the arrival of the vessel in Hongkong. As we came in through Lye-moon, they were arrested and handed over to the Police. On the morning of the 22nd, after I had given the 1st mate into custody, I went into the galley and examined the basins in which the passengers had taken their meal the previous evening. I collected the soup remaining in them and found a sediment of some powder. I showed it to the doctor.

After the arrest of the men and before they were handed over to the Police, three Chinese deck passengers came to me yesterday morning, and reported to me that one of them had his currier bag open during the night and more than 250 gold coins were stolen. They suspected that those men who slept near to the *Amoy* had stolen his money. I reported this to the Captain, who ordered me to go to search the boxes of those near the head, contracting pain about the heart and great thirst. The man water I drank, the more I perspired, and I felt very cold. I am sure the soup from which I took the sediment was the same one used the evening before. The galley is an open place, not enclosed in any way, so that any one there can be seen from all sides. It is not a galley but a cooking range.

George Robert Gorham, second officer of the *Devocation*, was next examined:—On the 22nd inst. I saw a soufflé between the head Chinese cook and the 1st man in Court. I asked the cook what was the matter, and he said he found the man poisoning the soup. I took the man to the Captain, who ordered him to be put in irons. I did so, and a few minutes afterwards the Captain told me to search his person and his baggage. I found on his person a small piece of paper, which was some powder; I packed it into a piece of paper and gave it to the Captain. I then searched a box and found a packet of powder, similar to that found in the man's purse. The powder was then handed to the doctor by me by order of the Captain. A quarter-master was told off to see that the doctor's orders were carried out during the night in regard to the treatment of the sick passengers.

Mr. James Rorison, third officer, was called. On the morning the girl died, he went up to relieve the 2nd officer; he found the 1st man in irons. The man made signs to him to take him forward. As he was about to do so, he saw the man put his hand under the cover of a ventilator and take out a paper which contained some powder.

Yesterday morning as the ship was entering the harbour, witness put the 2nd and 3rd men in irons by order of the Captain. He saw the 3rd mate searched and a quantity of gold coins were taken from him. Every attention was paid to the sick man and witness explained the manner he did that work during his watch.

The Coroner said he was quite sure that every attention had been paid to the sick man. The inquest was at this stage, adjourned till to-morrow afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock.

China.

(Herald, Mar. 21st.)

The United States corvette *Monocacy*, having on board Admiral Patterson, the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Squadron in China and Japan, arrived in port on the 17th instant from Amoy, and left for Shanghai yesterday.

The Honorary Secretary to the local committee of the China Famine Relief Fund (Mr. A. Forbes Angus) requests us to state that he has sent a second remittance to Shanghai of \$1647.75, which sum has been collected for the sufferers from Foreign and China friends.

We hear that on the occasion of Admiral Patterson's recent visit to this port there was a little unpleasantness between His Excellency and the Chinese officials, in connexion with his reception by the latter. In our next issue we hope to be in a position to publish further information on the subject.

From Pagoda Anchorage we learn that the Arsonal gunboats *Alpha* and *Beta* were docked together on the 19th instant in Messrs John Forster & Co.'s Dock at Mamoi. On completion of these repairs the *Alpha* and *Beta* will, we understand, take their place in the Dock. We believe that it was the original intention of the local admiralty to make use of the patent slip belonging to the Arsenal, but it was found that in order to do this it would be necessary to remove the heavy guns from the vessels and thereby incur additional expense.

A well-known firm of London Tea Brokers inform us in a circular recently published by them that—“Thanks to the ingenious time-bargain system upheld by the body of users styling themselves the ‘Wholesale Tea Trade Association’ the door is still kept open for gamblers to enter the tea-market, and it is by no means improbable that, ere long, a combination of so-called capitalists may be formed to raise prices.” The writers conclude this moralising essay by quotations from the Holy Scriptures. Now, we always regard with a certain amount of suspicion and aversion people who quote from the Bible out of season. Old Will of Avon was good enough judge of human nature, and we would advise all London Tea Brokers who are given to quoting the Scriptures in their business circles, to ponder over the colloquy of Shylock:—“O father Abraham, what these Christians are; whose own hard dealings teach them to suspect the thoughts of others.”

THE FAMINE IN THE NORTH.

The following are extracts from a long account of experiences in regard to the famine in the North, written by the Rev. Timothy Richard from T'ai-yuen-fu, under date of the 14th Feb., to the Hon. Secretary of the China Famine Relief Fund:—

MY DEAR SIR.—In former letters I gave a general account of the famine in this province, taken from official records, and also some particulars of the state of suffering in and around the provincial capital from personal observation. It is my intention now to give some particulars concerning the central and southern part of the province. But the region is so extensive to travel over, and the time so brief for inquiry, that the account must necessarily be very incomplete; yet I have seen and heard enough. It is said that families suffering makes one less liable to be affected by it. Familiar as many kinds of famine suffering have been to me for the last two years, this last journey southwards made me so sick at heart that I wished I could return with my eyes closed and ears stopped. To see and hear was painful in the extreme. I cannot write all. Some things are too horrible to be described except in general terms. But to begin:—

Jan. 28.—Stopped at an inn 30 li south. A little before sunrise, I saw in a street of T'ai-yuen-fu a man lying on the road, about 20 li of starvation. Carts were blocked up and had to go round by another way.

Jan. 29, 140 li S.—There was a fall of an inch snow in the night. Saw four dead on the road, and one unable to walk moving about on his hands and knees. One of the dead was a boy of about ten years old, carried by his mother on her shoulder. She was the only bearer, priest and mourner. She laid him on the snow outside the city wall, and the last sight I got of them was, she standing at some distance off on the one side, and a dog watching at some distance on the other!

Jan. 30th, 270 li S.—Saw two dead, one apparently only just dead, and dressed in good clothes. He could not be a poor man. A few li further on saw one walking like a drunken man. After passing him, I stopped and told my servant to get some cash out to give him. It blew a little wind, and whilst we were getting the cash, a puff of a little stronger than the rest made him fall. To give him money there was useless, and we could not stay!

Jan. 31, 310 li S.—To-day saw fourteen dead on the roadside. A stocking was all the clothes one had on, and so light was the corpse that a middle-sized dog dragged it about. Two of the dead were women. They had received a burial, but it consisted in nothing more than moving them from the road and placing them with their faces downwards—that was all. Want or encephaly of the passer-by had dealt kinder with one than the other, for they had not taken her clothes. A third was a feast to a score of crows and magpies. One man had snow over him and was untouched a proof that he had been there for three days at least, and that no dogs or wolves could be near. Whilst the road was thus strewn with the dead, there were plenty of pheasants fat enough close by; and a fox and a rabbit on the hill opposite where the poor women had fallen, and whilst ducks in the river appeared none the worse for the famine. Another painful contrast forced itself on me that day. A lot of magpies were making an unusual din, and some were picking up feathers. When I came up to one of their number was dead. But how many dead men and women have I seen on the road without any weeping, except the mother over her child. Yet what most affected me that day was what an old man said in our climbing Ling-shan together. We had just passed a young man dead on the road, and then he said in the most touching manner:—“Our mules and donkeys are all eaten up, and our labourers are all dead, how is it that God lets his poor people die like this?” Saw two wolves in the twilight looking out for the dead. In one village was a notice put up that those who rob and steal shall be put to death without mercy. In another village a notice was put up that it was agreed by the villagers that should any one be “unruly,” he shall be put to death without mercy. People dare not travel singly these hills.

Feb. 1st, 450 li S.—Travelled have a day. Saw six dead, of whom four were women. One in an open shed on the roadside, with only a string about her waist. Another was in the river, but the water was not deep enough to cover and freeze her over, so what was exposed was all the cruel mercy

of the fowl of the air. Another was half clad in rags, in one of the cave houses which open into the road. Another, half clad and half eaten. Saw what appeared to be two brothers from 15 to 18 years old, moving at the rate of old men of 80 years, each leaning heavily on his staff. Saw a young man carrying his mother on his back. She was far gone, and about to breathe her last. On seeing me observing closely, he begged for a few cash, the first who did so since I left T'ai-yuen-fu. The regular beggars are all dead long ago. A few li further on, a woman about 40 had fallen and was trying to rise, but could not from her second knees. Saw two heads stuck up in cages, to be a warning to those who rob and steal. Saw hats and shoes here and there along the road, but no dead bodies near—perhaps all that was left between men and wolves.

Feb. 2nd, 580 li S.—Saw twelve dead, all stripped of their clothes, and among them one woman and two boys. At Hung-tung-hien, a group of three were lying together. They appeared to be a boy, his father, and grandfather. My servant said he saw several more, but I only state what I saw myself. On the snow, we saw marks of a struggle and blood, but no dead body near; yet it was some justification of the warning to men not to travel singly along these narrow defiles. Two more heads hung up in cages on the trees. For many li, a large number of trees on both sides the road, as far as the eye could see, and on a level country, were stripped of their bark to a height of 5, 10 and 20 feet for food. Most were elm trees. There were also groups of several houses with doors and windows open, and jars and other trifling utensils inside. Their occupants were either gone away or dead; but nothing had been touched, for they could not be turned into cash or bread.

As I break to this long catalogue of misery, it was delightful to see (for the snow was all thawed here) wheat very extensively sown. Though there be drought elsewhere, they have abundance of water for irrigation at this place, and they seem to make the most of it. I could see in all the villages along the road considerable quantities of straw, indicating that they had had a good crop of grain; but on inquiry I was told the crop was very promising up to the time when the ears came out, then a sudden flood and mildew destroyed their hopes, leaving them nothing but straw. This abundance of water for irrigation extended only over 30 li.

Feb. 3rd, 280 li S.—Saw seven dead—not one woman; but there was an old man with grey hairs and an infant just born. Agh! these trees were barked, but there was no wood in the ground. Most cartloads of men and occasionally foot travellers. These were armed, some with a bright shining sword, some with a rusty old knife, others with spears and clubs—all with some weapon or other; even children in their teens carried them. Some were glad to keep close to us as we were riding, though we did not feel any safer of their company. At Siang-ling-hien, 30 li south of Ping-yang Fu, there were two men of straw (effigies) nailed up to a wall on one side of the street. On the other, opposite, was written in large characters, “The poor people.” Here we turned our faces backwards for T'ai-yuen Fu.

Feb. 4th.—In the same inn with us at Ping-yang Fu there were some forty carts that had come from P'u-chow Fu for grain. To keep order, volunteers are enrolled and paid by the Government in that Prefecture. I was told me by one of the volunteers who accompanied the grain carts; otherwise they would be robbed. A woman at Ping-yang Fu came up to me in the street and asked me to go into a house. On asking what for? She said, there are young girls here wanting to be taken away.

Feb. 5th.—Fresh ones dead on the road since we passed north two days ago—a mother and her son in the morning. In the afternoon, at Hung-tung-hien, the dead were actually in heaps on each other. It was here we saw a group of three together a few days ago. To-day three more are heaped together, two women and a boy. On the main street there was a man dead, with the edge of a big stone between his teeth. He had nothing better to eat, so he died biting the stone! Others had been thrown into the river. One of the innkeepers asked me if I had any medicine to cure the famine fever. It commenced about the beginning of January.

Feb. 6th.—Other fresh ones on the road dead. One a young woman, another a middle-aged one. I will not describe. Suffice that they had not perished from want, but had been robbed and left to perish. The one I saw a few days ago on her knees was now dead about a hundred yards off. Saw two men grinding something very dark. I went up to them. It was millet husks mixed with old cotton from ragged garments. As coal rises in price, house timber is in demand, and people are now pulling down their houses and splitting the wood for fuel.

(To be continued.)

Miscellaneous.

A STATISTICAL abstract relating to British India presented to Parliament has just been issued. The area under British administration is 908,834 miles, with a population of 191,086,465. The Native States comprise 873,052 miles and a population of 48,268,978. Including the French and Portuguese possessions, the total area of all India is 1,484,130 square miles, with a population of 239,978,695. Of the 191,000,000 inhabitants of British India, the religious denominations are given as follows:—Hindus, 139,343,820; Sikhs, 1,174,486; Mohammedans, 40,887,126; Buddhists and Jains, 2,832,611; Christians, 807,682; others, 4,417,304; and “religion not known,” 332,227.

We hope that none of our readers are familiar with the precise terms in which an English tailor intimates that his little account must be settled:—“To account rendered £. s. d. N. B.—Your early attention will greatly oblige.” Contrast with this the Oriental grandiloquence of a native Indian tailor's letter on the same topic to an officer in a regiment of the Bengal Native Infantry:—

“To Lieutenant—th Regt., N. 1. “Kind Sir,—I humbly most respectfully beg solicit the favor of your that I beg to inform you that your promised is passed to pay the amount, and interest is more increased, the whole amount Rs. 400 (Three hundred rupees). Will you do so good enough highly on me if you kindly remit me a draft on the Loodianah Treasury. Shall feel much obliged by your doing so, because I have much desire for the money in these days, therefore I have take the

liberty to trouble in your honor with these lines; if you kindly remittance, extremely oblige in these days. I have purchased four bungalows, and now to much require the money; if you do in such a time remit too money, you oblige in this time you do me help, thousand oblige on me; and besides of this took place a marriage of my brother's is now extremely desire for money, extremely oblige you.
I remain, Sir, Your most obedient servant,
—Rangoon Daily News.

Quotations.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878.
OPIUM.—New Patna, cash...\$565 credit,
“ Old Patna, cash... None credit,
“ New Benares, cash... 575 credit,
“ Old Benares, cash... None credit,
“ New Malwa, cash... 740 credit,
“ Allowance Tools, 6a24
“ Old Malwa, cash... credit,
“ Allowance Tails... credit.

QUICKSILVER, ... 62½ a 63½
SALTPETRE, ... 6½ a 6½

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/10½
“ 30 days' sight, ... 3/10½ a 3/11
“ 6 months' sight, ... 3/11
Credits, ... 3/11½
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/11½
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 255
Calcutta, ... 253
Shanghai, demand, ... 7½
“ 30 days, ... 7½
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 8.50
Specie, ... 14 p. c. p.m.
Mortgages, ... 28.30
Gold Leaf, ... 6.03
English Sovereigns, ... 6.03
Australian Sovereigns, ... 6.08
Discount, ... 7 to 8 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 5% prem.
London Ins. Society & Canton, \$1,300
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,200
Yankee Insurance Co., \$950
Yankee Ins. Assoc., Tia. 625
North China Ins. Co., Tia. 960
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$690
China Fire Ins. Co., \$170
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 2% prem.
H.K. O. & M. S. Boat Co., \$17 ½ dis.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tia. 22
Hongkong Gas Co., \$75
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55
China Sugar Refining Co., 2% dis.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$105.
Do. of 1877, \$103.15/8.

Temperature.

Taken at Messrs. Faisonor & Co.'s Premises
Queen's Road.
HONGKONG, March 28, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.080
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.038
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.090
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 75
Do. 1 P.M. ... 76
Do. 4 P.M. ... 73
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 73
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 72
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 72
Do. Maximum ... 77
Do. Minimum over night ... 61

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—
VESSELS TO ARRIVE.
AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
Aug.	14, Regulus,	Cardiff	
Sept.	3, Andreas,	Flushing Roads	
Oct.	2, Anna Bertha,	Cuxhaven	
19, Oscar,	Hamburg		
26, Benedicta,	San Francisco		
Nov.	1, Elizabeth Ostle,	Antwerp	
2, Cadiz (s.),	Liverpool		
3, Johann Smidt,	London		
4, Minna,	London		
5, Elizabeth Shields,	Hamburg		
20, Jetty,	Cardiff		
Dec.	1, Glengaber,	Flushing	
2, Otto,	Hamburg		
4, Devana,	London		
13, Sir Harry Parkes,	London		
19, Sedan,	Cardiff		
19, Forward,	N'castle (N.W.)		
23, J. R. Worcester,	Liverpool		
26, G. B. S.,	Liverpool		
Jan.	8, Korso,	Penarth	
17, Hyton Castle,	Greenock		
22, Belle of Oregon,	Liverpool		
27, Earl of Devon,	Antwerp		
30, Elizabeth Childs,	Plymouth		
31, Wandering Jew,	Penarth		

Feb. 1, Oxfordshire (s.), London
2, Per Ardua, London
3, Olympia (s.), Cuxhaven
4, Glauco (s.), Liverpool
5, Nourmahal, London
6, Lady Penrhyn, Sydney
7, Lodore, Falmouth
8, Hed

Mails.

NOTICE
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 4th April,
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
ANADYR, Commandant MOREAU,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPOILS,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 3rd April, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 23, 1878. ap4

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAZELLE" will be de-
parted for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on THURSDAY, the 11th April,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 10th April. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to
Officers of the Army and Navy and to
Members of the Civil and Consular
Services.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER "MACTAN" FROM
MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby notified that
their Cargo is being landed and stored in
the Godowns of the Undersigned at their
risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 22, 1878. mc29

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho."

Mr C. Grossmann, G (in dia-
mond), No. 7367, 1 case Marseilles.
Mercery, Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

To Let.

TO LET.

THREE ROOMS, furnished if Required,
in Premises No. 38-40, Queen's Road
Central, suitable for Offices.

Two Spacious GRANITE GODOWNS
on the Praya, Spring Gardens, Wanchoi.
Apply to
N. MODY & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, "Green-
mount," at present in the occupation
of J. FAIRBANKS, Esq.
Possession after 15th April.

Apply to

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, March 18, 1878. ap18

TO LET.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque
Terrace, possession from 15th April
next.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, Queen's Road Central,
with Godowns attached.

House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID SASSOON, BOSS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

Intimations.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th
Instant at Messrs Dodd & Co.'s
Offices, the following RESOLUTIONS
were carried:—
1. That the affairs of the said Dodd
& Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement,
and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he
is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND
PYE be, and they are hereby appointed a
Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the
order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,

Trustee for the Estate of

Dodd & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A THIRD RETURN OF CAPITAL AND
INTEREST at the Rate of FIVE
TARLS per SHARE will be made to Share-
holders of Record on the 28th February,
Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on
the 8th March.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders, or their lawful
representatives, on presentation of Share
Certificates for Redemption.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th
March inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Liquidators.

Shanghai, February 28, 1878. ap4

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE
Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100
characters, and one cent a character
beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and
half price for repetitions during the first
week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will
be charged only one half the amount of the
first week's charge. Advertisements for
half a year and longer will be allowed a
deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount,
and contracts for more favourable terms
can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish
Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all
the ports and in the interior of China, all
the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore,
Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the
Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru
and other places which Chinese frequent.
When the list of Agencies is completed,
it will be published. Agents have been
already established in most of the above
places, and in important ports more than
one agent has been appointed at each.

OHUN AYIN,

Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Cables in Masts, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to—

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000
Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. W. BOYD, Esq., C. KREBS, Esq.

M. P. EVANS, Esq., C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.

London Bankers:

Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and

the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates.
Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. col

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYBEANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to grant In-

surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1806.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.

PANG YIM, Merchant.

Ho SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.

Loo YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.

LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.

CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.

CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

Policies against FIRE granted on

Buildings and on Goods stored

therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to

Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Corporation are

prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either

here, in London or at the principal Ports

of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at

current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed

Agents for the above Company at

Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai

and Hankow, and are prepared to grant

Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Statistics of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.

3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Dis- patch apt.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Atholl	3	Thomson	Brit.	str.	923	Mar. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Bonelli	5	Buchanan	Brit.	str.	999	Mar. 28	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Bombay	2	Green	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Laid up
Brisbane	5	Reddell	Brit.	str.	891	Mar. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports
Calders	5	Williams	Brit.	str.	1303	Mar. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow
Cassandra	2		Brit.	str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	
Chaklong	3	Langer	Ger.	str.	937	Mar. 21	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Manitow
Charlton	4	Johnson	Brit.	str.	876	Mar. 21	Landstein & Co.	Port Darwin
Chinkiang	5	Orr	Brit.	str.	798	Mar. 28	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Conquest	4	Scott	Brit.	str.	317	Mar. 26	Kwong Lee Yuen	Holhow & Halphong
Cyprenas	3	Wood	Brit.	str.	1286	Mar. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Doucalon	5	Brown	Brit.	str.	1639	Mar. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Fatchoy	3	Holland	Brit.	str.	153	Mar. 27	G. McEln	To-morrow
Glenfallagh	3	Taylor	Brit.	str.	1890	Mar. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Glenorchy	3	Hogg	Brit.	str.	1775	Mar. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Hailong	5	Abbott	Brit.	str.	277	Feb. 17	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamsui, &c.
Java	4	Weber	Dut.	str.	886	Mar. 26	Wm. Pustan & Co.	K'loon Dock
Keinhow	2		Brit.	str.			Kwok Acheong	
Maclan	5	Erquaga	Span.	str.	371	Mar. 28	Russell & Co.	Manila
Malabar	3	Gould	Brit.	str.	1270	Mar. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Malacca	5	Smith	Brit.	str.	1046	Mar. 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Marla	4	Broker	Brit.	str.	1093	Mar. 28	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon
Marion	4	Smith	Brit.	str.	642	Mar. 28	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Mecoa	3	Morney	Brit.	str.	628	Mar. 27	Landstein & Co.	
Norma	2	Walker	Brit.	str.	606	Mar. 27	Kwok Acheong	Swatow
Orissa	2	Jay	Brit.	str.	1119	Mar. 24	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Pacific	4	Petersen	Ger.	str.	69	Mar. 28	Order	
Panay	3	Goyenchesa	Span.	str.	500	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	
Perin	5	Linton	Brit.	str.	1018	Mar. 24	T. G. Linstead	Sands' Slip
Rejanathianhar	3	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	933	Mar. 21	Yuen Fat Hong	
Sea Gull	5	Roberts	Brit.	str.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company	Bangkok
Yesso	5	S. Ashton	Brit.	str.	559	Mar. 28	Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-day
Yotung	2	Guggin	Brit.	str.	266	Mar. 27	Kwok Acheong	Coast Ports
Zanzibar	5	Fox	Brit.	str.	1460	Mar. 28	Melchers & Co.	Haiphong
Sailing Vessels								
Adolph	2	Horn	Ger.	bge.	867	Mar. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Alden Besse	4	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Alex. Newton	1	Newton	Brit.	bge.	308	Mar. 22	Rozario & Co.	Tientsin
Alce M. Minotti	4	Whitmore	Amer.	sh.	1100	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London
Angostura	4	Boysen	Ger.	bge.	418	Mar. 21	Carlowitz & Co.	Touron
Annie M. Smull	2	Packer	Amer.	sh.	1083	Dec. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
B. F. Watson	3	Hawkins	Amer.	bge.	893	Nov. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Chandos	5	Emery	Amer.	sh.	1506	Mar. 6	Naval Storekeeper	
Charger	2	Hallett	Amer.	sh.	1448	Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
City of Halifax	4	Evans	Brit.	sh.	860	Dec. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Coeran	3	Cromwell	Amer.	sh.	150	Mar. 14	Insurance Co.	
Conchita	4	Arlas	Span.	bge.	430	Mar. 14	Remedios & Co.	
Condor	2	Steffans	Ger.	bge.	868	Mar. 21	Siemssen & Co.	
Corona	1	Spence	Brit.	sh.	1189	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	
Crusader	3	Gorham	Amer.	bge.	668	Mar. 20	Russell & Co.	
Edward P. Bourvel	4	Evans	Brit.	bge.	941	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Elcano	2	Barnby	Amer.	sh.	1181	Feb. 8	Kies & Co.	London or New York
Eme	2	Asala	Brit.	bge.	773	Feb. 8	Butterfield & Swire	
Empire	3	Leckle	Amer.	sh.	1198	Feb. 11	Messageries Maritimes	
Falcon	3	Barry	Brit.	bge.	1198	Dec. 23	Meyer & Co.	London
Freeman Clark	4	Wright	Amer.	sh.	1338	Jan. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Groat Admiral	4	Thompson	Amer.	bge.	738	Feb. 13	Meyer & Co.	Wanchai F.
Gustav	2	Johannsen	Ger.	bge.	240	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.	Wanchai F.
Hark Away	4	Potts	Brit.	bge.	773	Feb. 17	Edward Schellhass & Co.	
Kel Cheung	3	Kest	Brit.	bge.	500	Feb. 17	Russell & Co.	Tientsin
Ionian	7	Oave	Brit.	bge.	373	Nov. 24	Meyer & Co.	
Joan Pierre	3	Legasse	Fch.	bge.	607	Mar. 22	Carlowitz & Co.	London
Jessie Jamieson	3	West	Brit.	bge.	690	Jan. 12	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Bangkok
Kalsje	4	Roos	Busa.	bge.	498	Mar. 21	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Keelung
Louis Eugene	4	Menard	Fch.	bge.	874	Mar. 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Batavia
Maria Ravano	7	Ravano	Fch.	bge.	380	Mar. 23	Carlowitz & Co.	Singapore
Maria Charlotte	3	McKenna	Fch.	bge.	500	Feb. 28	Rozario & Co.	
Marguis of Argyle	3	McKen	Brit.	bge.	500	Feb. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	Caliao & Valparaiso
Mesquitto	3	Miles	Brit.	bge.	197	Feb. 18	Olyphant & Co.	Bangkok
Mirand	3	Clark	Brit.	bge.	695	Jan. 24	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
North Star	3	Thomson	Amer.	sh.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Northern Star	7	Wortley	Brit.	bge.	327	Mar. 28	Wielr & Co.	Tientsin
Occident	4	Renter	Ger.	bge.	248	Mar. 22	Wielr & Co.	
Onward	4	Heuer	Brit.	bge.	210	Mar. 22	Lane, Crawford & Co.	Newchwang
Orion	3	Scott	Brit.	bge.	381	Mar. 22	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
P. J. Carleton	4	Amesbury	Amer.	bge.	988	Feb. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Phillip Fitzpatrick	4	Phelan	Amer.	bge.	582	Mar. 27	Chinese	
Quickstep	3	Barnaby	Amer.	bge.	826	Jan. 4	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)
River Lagan	4	Quinn	Brit.	bge.	861	Feb. 23	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Sands' SL
Rubicon	4	Timmen	Brit. Sm.s.	bge.	204	Feb. 17	Meyer & Co.	
Samar	6	Miller	Amer.	bge.	1066	Mar. 6	Olyphant & Co.	
Seamen's Bride	2	Andersen	Stam.	bge.	325	Mar. 21	Siemssen & Co.	Manila
Spinaway	3	Pringle	Brit.	bge.	1040	Feb. 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Wanchai F.
Star of India	3	Holloway	Brit.	bge.	587	Jan. 4	Carlewitz & Co.	
Sully	3	Bare	Fch.	bge.	387	Feb. 28	Carlewitz & Co.	
Sumatra	3	Olough	Amer.	sh.	1090	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	
Tian	5	Berry	Amer.	sh.	1270	Feb. 27	Russell & Co.	Co'tan D.
Trin	3	Baker	Dut.	bge.	268	Mar. 21	Siemssen & Co.	Tientsin
Wealthy Fendleton	5	Blanchard	Amer.	bge.	809	Feb. 19	Rozario & Co.	Bangkok
Wega	3	Jachens	Ger.	sh.	1115	Mar. 28	Melchers & Co.	New York
Wildwood	5	Berriman	Amer.	sh.	1099	Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
WHAMPOA								
Ulysses		Guard	Brit.	str.	1560	Mar. 25	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.
West Stanley		Ashley	Brit.	str.	893	Mar. 28	Siemssen & Co.	
CANTON								
Hesperia		Paulsen	Ger.	str.	1160	Mar. 24	Siemssen & Co.	Chinkiang